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DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION WORK BY CPWD
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether due to delay in construction works by the CPWD during 1999-2000, the Food Corporation of India could not provide more storage facility resulting into less utilisation of funds by the Ministry of Food etc;

(b): if so, whether the Government propose to inquire into the matter and bring to book the responsible persons to have caused delay; and

(c): if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the CPWD all round fromconstruction to maintenance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): CPWD has been entrusted with the works of Food Corporation of India, only in the following places:-

1. Dimapur (Nagaland), 2. Jowai (Meghalaya), 3. Agartala (Tripura) and 4. Jiribam (Manipur).

(i) Work at Dimapur has been completed in March, 2001 and is being handed over to FCI.

(ii) Work at Jowai has been completed in January,2001 and the building has been handed over to FCI.

(iii) Work at Agartala is in progress and will be completed by June, 2001.

(iv) Sanction for the work at Jiribam has been received during March, 2000 and work will be completed by March, 2002.

The main reasons for delay in completion of these works are due to non-availability of clear site, law and order situation prevalent in and around work sites, heavy rain fall conditions and poor response from the contractors in the area. However, efforts are being made by CPWD to complete the remaining works immediately.

(b): Action will be taken strictly as per terms and conditions of the contract against the erring contractors including levy of compensation, wherever required.

(c): No action is required in view of (a) and (b) above.